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LETTER DATED 22 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GHANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I forward herewith a copy of a statement issued by the Government of Ghana on the situation in Rwanda.

It would be appreciated if you could have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) George O. LAMPTEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

The situation in Rwanda - Ghana's position

The Government of Ghana is gravely concerned that, despite the cease-fire agreement reached in Tunis on 14 June 1994 by the parties to the conflict in Rwanda, the war in Rwanda is still raging on and the state of anarchy and carnage continues, resulting in increasing loss of innocent lives, destruction of property and dislocation of thousands of Rwandese.

The Government of Ghana therefore unreservedly condemns this continuing disregard for human lives and calls upon the international community to be alive to its moral responsibility and take the necessary urgent steps to stop the killing and bring the situation under control.

In this regard, the Government of Ghana would welcome a credible initiative that will have an immediate impact on the tragic situation in Rwanda and create conditions for a peaceful and lasting solution of the Rwanda conflict. Consequently, it is crucial that the neutrality and acceptability of such a mission should be ensured. It is equally important that the mission proceeds under the mandate of the Security Council and with the support of the Organization of African Unity.

Ghana has already declared its willingness to provide additional troops to an expanded presence of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR), but on the clear understanding that appropriate equipment and support will be provided to guarantee their effectiveness and the security of their personnel.

In the meantime, we are still committed to the humanitarian operation being undertaken by UNAMIR under the United Nations mandate authorized by the Security Council in its resolutions 918 (1994) and 925 (1994).